CITY ISLAND USA

Episode 101

"Northeast Beat"

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Objective (History - Change & Continuity Over Time): Describe the relationship among events in a variety of timelines.

Objective (Civics & Government - Foundations of Government): Identify the meaning of symbols associated with the United States.

Primary Learning Goal: Use historical landmarks and events to describe how the United States began, and how it gained some of the defining values that we know it for today.

STYLE NOTE: Every episode of CITY ISLAND: USA will feature Watt, Windy, and Mr. Rubric in their usual animated form, interacting with live-action and photo environments. Whenever a live-action/photo element speaks to the animated characters, it will have animated, cutout-style lip sync and facial expressions.

TITLE CARD: ‘CITY ISLAND: USA’

1 EXT. HELICOPTER IN THE SKY - DAY

A helicopter flies through the sky carrying WATT, WINDY, and MR. RUBRIC.

INT. HELICOPTER - CONTINUOUS

The gang sits together, looking excited.

WATT

1 Thanks for taking the ‘Hooray For History!’ Club on its first official field trip, Mr. Rubric!

MR. RUBRIC

2 Absolutely, Watt. I’m thrilled that you and Windy chose to visit the United States of America - the USA!

WINDY

3 I’ve heard good things!

MR. RUBRIC

4 This country is full of fascinating history. Today we’re visiting its Northeast region, where the country got started.

WATT/WINDY

5 Hooray for history!

TITLE CARD: ‘NORTHEAST BEAT!’

WATT/WINDY (V.O.)

6 Northeast Beat!

MAP VISUAL: A little helicopter icon lands in Boston.

2 EXT. BOSTON HARBOR, BOSTON - DAY

The gang stands on a dock next to one of the wooden ships at the Boston Tea Party Museum.

MR. RUBRIC

7 This is Boston, Massachusetts, where two-hundred and fifty years ago, many of the USA’s founders came up with the idea for this country!

WINDY
8 Wow, that was a *BIG* idea!

MR. RUBRIC
9 Yep! And before there was the USA, there was the Boston Tea Party.

WATT
10 Boston is a place?! I thought it was just a baked bean!

WINDY
11 I love tea parties!

MR. RUBRIC
12 Me too! But the Boston Tea Party was actually a protest that showed how a lot of people who lived here wanted things to change.

SHIP
13 Long ago, America was a part of England. When England charged extra money for tea that was delivered on ships like me, Americans tossed it in the water!

WATT
14 Thanks for spilling the tea, Mr. Ship!

MAP VISUAL: A little helicopter icon travels from Boston to Philadelphia.

3 EXT. INDEPENDENCE MALL, PHILADELPHIA - DAY

The gang stands in front of Independence Hall.

MR. RUBRIC
15 Welcome to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, kids! This is Independence Hall.

INDEPENDENCE HALL
16 I'm where the Declaration of Independence was signed! That's the paper that many of the USA's founders wrote to the King of England declaring that the USA would be its own country!

The group approaches the LIBERTY BELL.

MR. RUBRIC
17 And over here is the Liberty Bell, a symbol of the USA's freedom.

LIBERTY BELL
18 I was made to remind people of their independence!

WATT
19 Uh-oh, you have a crack! Are you broken?

LIBERTY BELL
20 Nope! I got a few good dings in, even with this crack. I'm tough, just like the USA! Represent!

MAP VISUAL: A little helicopter icon travels from Philadelphia to New York City.

4 EXT. STATUE OF LIBERTY, NEW YORK CITY - DAY

The gang beholds the towering statue!

WATT
21 Wow, the USA has giant green robots? What a cool place!

MR. RUBRIC
22 That's not a robot, Watt, it's a monument! This is the Statue of Liberty. She was a gift to the USA from France!

STATUE OF LIBERTY
23 *Bon jour*, and welcome to New York City! I represent freedom, democracy, and opportunity for the people of the United States. I welcome newcomers even today!

WATT/WINDY
24 Thanks, Lady Liberty!

CREDITS: Music plays over the credits alongside a scrapbook montage of selfies that Watt and Windy have taken with the landmarks that they visited.

WATT (V.O.)
25 The Northeast is a really cool place where big ideas were born!